

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3483 - SB 3451**

February 18, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Water Quality Control (WQC) Board to render a final decision and order within 120 days from the receipt of a petition regarding issuance of permits.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures –**

**\$1,800/One-Time/Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)**

**\$1,800/One-Time/General Fund**

**\$49,250/Recurring/Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)**

**\$49,250/Recurring/General Fund**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, one additional Attorney 3 position will be needed in the Office of General Counsel at a recurring cost of \$86,500 (\$58,700 salary, \$20,000 benefits, and \$7,800 operational expenditures).
- One-time costs associated with the new position are \$3,600.
- Under the new deadline, the WQC Board will need to meet more often than it is currently meeting. The average total travel expenses for all board members for one meeting is \$1,500 per day.
- The Board will meet an additional eight times a year resulting in an increase in recurring state expenditures of \$12,000.
- According to TDEC, the baseline ratio for the Division of Water Pollution Control is 50 percent state appropriations and 50 percent Environmental Protection Fund. The precise ratio cannot be reasonably determined and is subject to variation each year.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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